Proceedings

OF THE

Sunflower Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Enon Baptist Church,

AT

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SUMNER, MISS., September 11, 1903.

The opening of Sunflower Association was preceded by thirty minutes of prayer and praise service, conducted by Rev. D. H. S. Cox.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator, J. M. Chrestman, called the Association to order, and at once proceeded to organize by appointing C. R. Dale reading clerk, after which a call for church letters was made with the following result:

(Names preceded by x were absent.)

1. Refuge: J. W. Bradshaw, x Thos. Walton, x C. Thomas, x F. E. Walton and sister x Ola Downing.
2. Shelby: x A. B. Hill, A. P. Rose, x Thos. Humphreys and sisters x S. A. Ming and A. Ming.
3. Oak Ridge: C. H. Mize, W. C. McCaughan, x J. M. Baber, Sisters W. C. McCoughan, Clara Mize and Corley.
4. Lula: x A. B. Sanders, G. R. Caldwell, x Dan Howell, x Walter Barbee and sister x Ophelia Sanders.
5. Lyon: T. S. Shuford, Sisters M. M. Killebrew and B. Shuford.
6. Enon: R. Ferguson, J. B. Sumner, R. F. Chrestman, C. R. Dale and J. J. Webb.
7. Bogue Phelia: Letter.
8. Ebenezer: S. S. Smith, L. M. Hollowell, J. A. Carmicheal, W. V. Reeton, F. P. Langacre.
9. Clarksdale: J. F. and Sister Hailey.
10. Jonestown: Letter.
11. Belen: W. V. Turner, J. M. Chrestman, Sisters W. V. Turner, Pet. Turner and Fitzgerald.
12. Friars Point: H. J. Mullen and D. H. S. Cox.
13. McLemore: Letter.
14. Drew: x J. H. Walton, x J. A. Riddle and W. J. Daniels.

The Association then proceeded to organize by unanimously electing J. M. Chrestman, Moderator, A. P. Rose, Clerk, and G. R. Caldwell, Treasurer.

By request of Enon Church, Richard Fergnson was received as alternate for H. A. Ferguson.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises: The pastor and messengers of Enon church.

Finance: G. R. Caldwell, E. B. Smith and Bradshaw.

A petitionary letter from Ebenezer Baptist church was presented, read and received into fellowship. The Moderator in behalf of the Association extended the right hand of fellowship to each messenger.

A call for report of regularly appointed commttees.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Sister M. M. Killebrew, and discussed by C. R. Dale, C. H. Mize D. H. S. Cox, E. B. Smith. Report adopted.

Woman's Work.

What is Woman's Work? Is it to preach the gospel in public? Did the Savior Christ ever tell her to go teach all nations? Then is it to go to foreign lands to teach the heathen? Christ gave that command to man, not to woman. Yet it is woman's duty to go with her missionary husband anywhere and help him. Then what is woman's work? Is it not a home work? Did not Paul advise women to be chaste keepers at home? Did he not say that it was a shame for a woman to speak in church? (to rangle or dispute) but to ask their husbands at home. Well, your humble scribe thinks Paul knew. Then woman's work is to adorn her profession with charity, Godliness and a holy conversation. To organize societies at home in their respective churches. To do all they can in the society, through the church to advance the cause of Christ. Then let her pray and work with her hands at home. Let her pious walk be seen and read of all men. Let her give freely of the means the Lord has blessed her with, (the tenth of her income) which is scripture.

Her money given with prayer and faith will be as a mighty preacher. The Savior said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This he said to men not to women. Yet women ought always, in all places, to witness for their Lord. Then let them be watchful, fervent in prayer, abounding in love, giving help freely to the needy, doing missionary work at home. Do we not often see the need of it in our own neighborhood. Sunday school work, kind words by the wayside is a part of woman's work. Now let me appeal to the women of each church in this Association to organize a society in their church, where they have none; work there with heart and hand and you will accomplish something for your Lord. There has been some Christian women who have given all to Christ in foreign lands. Blessed are they when they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. But sisters, let us do more work at home, for at home we all can work, we can send our little sums that we make in our society to foreign missions, to home missions, to our state board or to our little orphans at Jackson. The aid society that your humble scribe belongs to, about 12 in number, has in the last seven months paid on their church debt $65.00, and have kept out a fund for benevolent purposes, which we will use as the Lord directs. May he direct and bless all who make an effort in his vineyard. Respectfully,

M. M. Killebrew.

On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by C. H. Mize.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

Association convened at 2:45 p. m., Moderator in the chair; prayer by visiting Bro. W. M. Burr, who represented our worthy secretary of the State Board, A. V. Rowe.

Call for reports.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by G. R. Caldwell, and warmly discussed by W. M. Burr, C. R. Dale, C. H. Mize and J. F. Hailey. Report adopted.

Ministerial Education.

To properly educate a man is to teach him to think and to rightly use his God-given powers of discernment. One may be good and great without education, but who will deny that he would have been greater had he known the advantage and help of a Christian education. With these thoughts before us it is glaringly apparent that our ministers should be well educated. Oh! brethren, let us thoroughly awaken ourselves to this highly important work. Let us be careful to pick out men whose whole heart is in God's work and then give them liberally our full, glad and joyful help in every way that we can. Who knows but that the one dollar contributed to ministerial education by some poor layman may form its part in helping some struggling, hard-worked boy at school, who in God's hands will in after years do mighty works in our Master's vineyard. Eternity alone can reveal to us what has been lost to the world by the withholding of our helps and our means from those who need it along the lines of ministerial education. Let us be careful to look well into the merits of schools and colleges claiming our support. Mothers who have been educated at Blue Mountain Female College have shown to the world that they believe in Christian education, and many of the boys who have strugled to take the course at Mississippi College, are today letting their lights shine for Jesus in almost every nation of earth. Respectfully,

G. R. CALDWELL.

The Moderator requested C. H. Mize to take up a collection at once, which he did, receiving $11.00.

The report on Prohibition was read by A. P. Rose, discussed by himself, C. H. Mize, W. M. Burr, E. B. Smith, J. F. Hailey, J. P. White. Report adopted.

Report on Prohibition.

Prohibition in the sense that we shall speak of today, means the prohibiting of the sale and use of alcohol as a beverage. We have county local option laws in about two-

thirds of the counties in this State. I find that when prohibitory laws are passed, that wherever the least leniency is shown to those violating the laws the first time, this leniency leads to a disregard of the law and is the entering wedge to framing public sentiment against the law. We have so many weak minded church members, who either vote with the whiskey men or do not vote at all, which of course counts for whiskey. In times past the citizens of the Delta said a man could not have any health unless he took his morning dram. As a physician I know the reverse to be the fact, and that all users of alcohol as a beverage are the most troublesome cases of sickness to cure. Morality alone should prove the fact that prohibition is good for all. Satan's dodge is, let whiskey alone and it will let you alone. How many parents never so much as see a glass of the abominable stuff, yet at a late hour the sacredness of their homes are violated by a drunken son or servant.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. Rose.

A partial report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was received.

A. B. Hill, who was to preach the associational sermon being absent, H. S. Cox, the alternate was requested to occupy the pulpit at 8 p. m.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. M. Burr, at 4:45 p. m.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m. Devotional services conducted by W. M. Burr.

A message was received that Bro. Graham was dying. This sad news brought forth expressions of regret and sympathy, especially by the member of Enon church, Bro. Graham having only a short time since resigned the pastorate of that church. Special prayer was offered in behalf of the family. Also, an earnest and fervent prayer was offered for Mr. John Walton and family, who had just lost their eldest

daughter, who was about 14 years of age and a consecrated Christian girl.

At 8 o'clock last night D. H. S. Cox preached the Associational Sermon from 119 Psalms, 81st verse, which was full of doctrine, praise and love to God.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report on Orphanage was read by J. P. White, discussed by J. P. White, H. A. Ferguson, C. H. Mize. Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage.

This institution is located at our State capital and has property estimated to be worth $40,000.

At present we have 80 children for whom we are caring, which necessitates the expenditure of some $300.00 per month. This amount must be raised by the freewill offerings of our people.

The term "Orphanage" means vastly more than food, raiment and shelter.

I. It means "home" with all that dear word means—or so much of it as is possible, for loving, consecrated Christians to impart.

II. It means practical education, whereby the inmates of the home are fitted for the arduous duties and awful responsibilities of life.

III. It throws around the inmate the most holy and powerful influences, leading them to the Savior of men.

Thus we see that the institution is a blessing to the child that comes within its walls, to the denomination fostering and maintaining it and to the world which is made better by every pure life in it. Let us support it liberally for its noble Christian work. Let us stand by Bro. Carter, the new Superintendent, who needs the sympathy and prayers of God's people. Respectfully submitted,

J. PARKER WHITE.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by D. H. S. Cox; discussed by W. M. Burr, J. F. Hailey, C. H. Mize. Reports adopted.

Bro. Cox being very unwell was excused.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions.

Your committee on Home and Foreign Missions make the following report:

The injunction of Christ which renders the duty of instituting missions imperative on his church is found in Math. 28:18-20, and Mark 16:15-16—whether it be Home or Foreign Missions. In compliance with this command, the churches at once began to display great zeal in preaching the Gospel to a lost world.

The methods of missions from the earliest history of the church to the present were very simple.

The preaching of the Gospel, the receiving of the saved into the churches upon a public profession of faith in Christ as their Savior and baptism.

Money was freely given, missionaries were sent out by the churches to preach the Gospel, and converts from heathenism were many. The giving of our means for the support of missions is a subject which has claimed the attention of every evangelical denomination of Europe and America, because every truth of the Christian religion and every blessing of the Christian life is found in Jesus Christ, who is the gift of eternal life to them that believe on him. Nothing that our Savior has done or suffered for us can fail to stir the Christian heart more than the great act of condescension on his part for men and the salvation of a lost world. And it must cause every blood-washed soul to ask himself the question: "What am I doing to help the world to know that Jesus Christ, the true light of the world has come into the world to give light and life to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death?" Let us keep in memory the truth that every one who is redeemed by the precious blood of the Son of God is a missionary in spirit, in faith and in action.

In the great missionary enterprise, man is expected to do his part whether at home or abroad. "He sows the word of life, he prepares the soil, he plants with Paul, he waters with Apollos, but he can do no more, God must give the increase." Duties are for us, the results unto God, and if we have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, and have the witness of the spirit, we will have no doubt as to what is our duty in the matter of missions. Before us, as Baptists, lies the greater part of the world untouched, sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, without the knowledge of Christ the Savior, and without the real meaning of this life and the life to come; and above us there rises the cross, that cross to which we are indebted for salvation, for peace, for hope and for everlasting life; that cross on which Jesus hung, who is the only name given among men whereby men may be saved. And in our ears then comes the command of our risen and exalted Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Shall we do it? Let us arise and go hence.

COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolution.

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent session in Savannah, Ga., instructed the Foreign Mission Board to lay out its work on a basis of $300,000.00 for the present year, and the Home Mission Board to lay out its work on a basis of $20,000.00, and

Whereas, our Baptist State Convention in its recent session, in Yazoo City, endorsed this action of the Southern Baptist Convention and pledged the State to try and raise its proportion of the increase of contributions asked for, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Association heartily approves of this forward movement and calls upon all our churches to increase their gifts to Home and Foreign Missions, that we may not be behind with our part of the great work.

The Association adjourned with benediction by J. F. Hailey.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session

The Association convened at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional services were conducted by visiting Bro. J. A. Hunter.

The Moderator called the session to order.

The report on Sustentation was read by J. F. Hailey, discussed by himself, C. H. Mize, C. R. Dale, H. A. Ferguson. Report adopted.

Report on Sustentation.

There is a tendancy in man to neglect and forget that for which he has no further use. When the crop is laid by, tools are thrown into the shed or left lying in out of the way corners. This disposition leads to many a grievous wrong, and nowhere is it more sadly true than in the neglect shown our superanuated preachers. Worn out with toil and weighed down with years, perhaps with disease, they are relegated to the rear. Others, younger, sprightlier, more learned, more brilliant, but not more earnest, consecrated nor faithful, have taken their places, while they are left to languish and pine in want, with the feeling that the brethren no longer care for them.

As a simple matter of justice this ought not to be. The churches they served ought to see that they do not suffer. God's blessings would fall upon his people, if they would but show a just appreciation of the work these servants of his have done.

As a matter of conscience, were it developed by a proper care for the needs of these servants of God, and the people in proportion as we have displayed a sentiment concerning the orphans, it would be a power for the uplifting of the churches, but Secretary Rowe says money for the old preachers is hardest of all to get.

As a matter of self-defense, pastors should see to the support of their unfortunate brethren, for "with what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again." Has not God placed this as a duty, therefore, a privilege, upon our hands?

J. F. Hailey.

The report on State Missions, written by A. B. Hill was read by C. H. Mize, discussed by H. A. Ferguson, C. R. Dale, E. B. Smith, C. H. Mize, J. F. Hailey. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions.

This means to make conquest of Mississippi for Christ. This is the mission and work of Mississippi Baptists. This is the Lord's work committed to us.

It has long since been proven, beyond all doubt, that this work can best be done through the agency of a Board. So we have a Board located at Jackson, composed of good and wise brethren. Their secretary is our beloved brother, A. V. Rowe, who in co-operation with the State Board and in close sympathy and relationship with the brotherhood, is ever on the alert seeking and hunting out the vacant fields, and also searching for men and soliciting means from the churches. This Board has been doing work for a long time for our Lord and great is the work which has been done. We are not prepared to tell of the extent of it, the Lord only knows of the churches which have been helped and built in the country, in the towns and in the cities. And those who have been born of the Spirit, through the Gospel, preached by our State Mission workers are "legion."

Brethren, while we are not many nor great in this, the Mississippi Delta, yet can it not be said that what we are, is largely due to Mississippi Baptists, through the State Board? Then let us continue in the forward march with our brethren and make conquest of the remaining destitution in our State.

One of the most serious difficulties in this Association is our lack of Gospel Ministers. We need men who can preach the Gospel with power. Your committee suggests that special prayer be offered to our Father for more laborers in this Association and in all the Delta.

Your executive committee, in session with Bro. A. V. Rowe, since the last sitting of this body, made appropriations for three fields, but only one has been supplied.

Let us from time to time increase our contributions to State Missions.

A. B. HILL.

The report on Mississippi College was read by C. R. Dale, discussed by himself, J. F. Hailey, and adopted.

Report on Mississippi College.

Your committee on Mississippi College would respectfully report, that, next to religion, education is the most important factor that shapes the destiny of man. Not that education imparts brains or natural energy, but it helps to train the one, and direct the other. The universal prevalence of education makes it most important that every young man or young lady should be educated; if not they will be left behind in the race of life. As parents we should remember that money or property left to children may be scattered to the fourwinds, but education is a permanent possession, that cannot be lost. Your committee would emphasize the truth, that education in its full sense, embraces not only the training of the mind, but of the heart as well. It means character training, and as such, we should send our boys to the college that gives proper attention to both moral and religious culture, and this thought brings us to the favorable mention of the college upon which we have been appointed to write, viz: Our own Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss. Your committee is bold to assert that there is no better college in the South for our boys. In proof of this we have only to look at what she has done in the past, in giving to the denomination some as fine men as ever graced the pulpit. Look at her enlarged capacity in the way of an endowment; look at her prospects for a full school the coming session. Surely there is no estimating the good that Mississippi College will contribute to the denomination in the years to come. Should we not give it our sympathy, our prayers, our money, and last but not least, our boys.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Dale.

The committee on publications having failed to report, after a general discussion of the subject, H. A. Ferguson was requested to write a report, and in case of his failure, the

Clerk was requested to write a synopsis of the discussion.

The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., was heartily endorsed by all debaters. The good work of the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Kind Words and S. B. C. Series for Sunday schools was endorsed, and also, all denominational publications.

Report on Publications by A. P. Rose.

Report on Publications.

Your committee beg to submit this report: The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., is our State denominational paper, and is "The Paper," first, last and all the time. Our paper has improved under the guidance of the present editor. Every church member should read it. The Foreign Mission Journal is of too much importance not to be placed in every home, and the Home Field, though a small paper, should go hand in hand with it. I can conceive of no reason why every Baptist should not become more and more a true missionary in practice as well as in words, by taking and reading the above three publications. The mission spirit has been gradually increasing year by year, and I truly believe that this is owing to the people becoming better informed through our valuable publications. The Gem, published at the Orphanage, should receive the hearty endorsement of every one, and I think should be included with our S. B. C. Series, which is so welcome an aid in preparing our Sunday school lesson.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. Rose

The report on Sunday schools, by C. H. Mize, was set for Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We your committee beg to report on Sunday schools: The nine churches sending letters to this Association reports 8 schools with 290 pupils, 26 teachers, $219.64 raised, with 17 baptisms.

The primary object of every Sunday school teacher should be to bring his scholars to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ I believe that every officer and teacher should have a passion for souls. A yearning that every scholar old or young, who comes under his or her influence should know Christ Jesus unto salvation; and every Sunday school lesson taught, should have enough of Jesus in it to save a soul if he will accept it. Your committee would recommend that every teacher, teach with this end in view, and to do this, walking circumspectly before the world isnecessary. No one will observe our inconsistencies as quickly as those who are looking to us as examples. Then we would recommend that our teachers should know the secret places of prayer. Take your scholars, one by one into the very presence of God. Agonize over the unsaved portion of your little flock.

The importance of fidelity and punctuality need only to be mentioned to be recognized. Love should be the motive power that sends us before our classes each Sabbath morning with fresh energy. Summing up all our needs, we readily say that they can only be fully met by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart and life of each officer and teacher and out of this presence will flow all the requisites for the best success.

Respctfully submitted,

C. H. Mize.

Time and place of next meeting of the Sunflower Baptist Association, with Shelby Church, on Tuesday before the second Lord's day in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock, a m.

Association adjourned with benediction by C H. Mize at 5:20 p m.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

After hearing a very impressive and uplifting sermon, preached by J. F Hailey, the Association was called to order by the Mederator.

A. P Rose was requested to conduct the Sunday school mass meeting on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

A. B. Hill was chosen messenger to S. B. Convention, and by vote, the Association through the churches agreed to pay the expenses of the messenger.

The following brethren volunteered to go to the State Convention: C. H. Mize, E. B. Smith, C. R. Dale, J. M. Chrestman and J. P. White.

Corresponding Messengers to Deer Creek Association—J. F. Hailey, D. H. S. Cox.

J. P. White was chosen to preach the Associational Sermon. Alternate, A. B. Hill.

Pledges of messengers for Sustentation through their respective churches:

Shelby	$10 00	Oak Ridge	$20 00
Lyon	5 00	Belen	20 00
Enon	10 00	Ebenezer	5 00
Lula	15 00	Refuge	5 00
Total			$90 00

Te following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Home and Foreign Missions	A. B. Hill.
State Missions	D. H. S. Cox.
Ministerial Education	C. R. Dale.
Sustentation.	J. P. White.
Sunday Schools	T. S. Shuford.
Mississippi College	J. F. Hailey.
Publications	G. R. Caldwell.
Orphanage.	Sister M. M. Killebrew.
Woman's Work	W. V. Turner.
Prohibition	C. H. Mize.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. M. Chrestman,	A. P. Rose,
T. S. Shuford,	T. W. Humphreys,
H. A. Ferguson,	C. H. Mize,
J. P. White,	A. B. Hill,
Thos. Walton,	G. R. Caldwell.

The Association adjourned with benediction by J. F. Hailey.

J. M. CHRESTMAN,
Moderator.

A. P. ROSE,
Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock, a. m., A. P. Rose called the meeting to order and conducted the devotional services.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be and the same are hereby tendered the good people of Sumner and this church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

C. H. Mize then read the report on Sunday schools and ably discussed by E. B. Smith, T. S. Shuford.

At 11 o'clock the Sunday school meeting adjourned.

ORDAINED MINISTERS RESIDING IN BOUNDS OF ASSOCIATION.

J. F. Hailey	Clarksdale
J. P. White	Clarksdale.
A. B. Hill	Shelby.
C. H. Mize	Stovall.
E. B. Smith	Sumner.
H. A. Ferguson	Sumner.
D. H. S. Cox	Friars Point.
J. S. Howard	Skeins.

Having charge in Association but residing elsewhere:

J. E. Barnett	Leland.

LICENTIATES.

J. J. McDaniel	Drew.
S. S. Smith	Sumner.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Sunflower Association and shall consist of churches of the Baptist denomination in regular standing.

ART. 2. Each church of this union shall be entitled to five delegates who, on presenting their church letter certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats and all the privileges of the Association.

ART. 3. Churches of the same faith and order with this body may be admitted to membership in this Association by signifying their desire by letter and delegates.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be selected by a majority of the delegates present at each session, who, together with four other members appointed by the Moderator, shall form an Executive committee, four of whom shall constitute a quorum, who shall attend to all business intervening the sittings of the Association.

ART. 5. This Association shall never possess any power or authority over the churches. It may advise as an advisory council only, yet it shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church that is known to be in disorder, or fails to represent itself in three successive meetings.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall preside over the meetings of this Association, and may vote only in case of a tie and he shall appoint all committees.

ART. 7. The Clerk shall keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Association, and be responsible for all articles and documents committed to his care.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and property of the Association, and shall be responsible for the same and shall not pay out any money save by order of the Association or Executive Committee, and shall report all disbursements at each Association.

ART. 9. The object of this Association shall be to digest and organize an operative system of measures to promote the general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom. But in no instance shall it infringe on the indepencence of the churches.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular sitting of the Association by a vote of two-rhirds of the delegates present.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be choson by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be open for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8 All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

12. These rules may be suspended for the time being by a vote of the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Financial Statement.

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CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Mississippi College.	S. B. Seminary.	Orphanage.	Sustentation.	Sunday School	Ministerial Education.	Sent up to Asso.	General Missions.	Pastor's Homes. Value of	Church Houses. Value of	Seating Capacity.	Home Use.
Belen	$ 60 00	$	$ 26 25	$		$ 40 00	$25 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 1500 00		$ 65 00
Bogue Phalia											20 00		3000 00		85 00
Clarksdale			35 85								3 00		300 00		28 60
Drew	5 00		16 05										1500 00		155 00
Enon	13 00		66 00					25 00	5 00						10 00
Ebenezer		5 00						7 50							20 00
Friars Point						25 00		5 00			30 00	600 00	1800 00		
Gunnison	2 80	5 00				11 45			5 00			125 00	2200 00		75 00
Jonestown			10 00												67 00
Lula	28 00		20 00	22 00				10 00					140 00		25 00
Lyon	40 00		41 61										2500 00		
McLemore			2 00												35 00
Oak Ridge	32 20	13 55	40 00			56 48	16 00	33 07			2 00		800 00		33 90
Refuge						5 55			7 50		7 50				93 20
Shelby	17 00		22 00			26 70	10 00	30 00				600 00	1000 00		600 00
To build ch.															
Total	$188 00	$23 55	$ 279 75	$22 00		$165 18	$51 00	$110 57	$17 50		$62 50	$1325 00	$14640 00		$ 1292 70

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR AND P. O.	CLERK AND P. O.	Days of Meeting.	Increase: By Letter.	Increase: By Baptism.	Increase: By Restoration	Decrease: By Letter.	Decrease: By Exclusion.	Decrease: By Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Sent for Minutes.	Chs. with schools.	No. Sunday Schools
*Belen	J. P. White, Clarksdale	S. D Ware, Belen	2 & 4	....	2	..	....	..	..	8	20	28	$ 4 00	1	25
Bogue Phalia	J. S. Howard, Skeins	J. L. Mathews, Shaw		...	...	..	....	...	..	..	..	18	.....	1	..
*Clarksdale	J. F. Hailey, Clarksdale	J. C. Oswalt, Clarksdale	1,2,3,4	11	..	..	....	..	..	...	..	25	.....	..	...
Drew	A. B. Hill, Shelby	J. M. Jones, Drew	4th	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	41	2 00	..	...
Enon	C. H. Mize, Stovall	R. M. Ferguson, Sumner	3d	2	..	..	17	..	3	..	..	83	5 00	1	50
‡Ebernezer	E. B. Smith, Sumner	Eli Hollawell, Sumner	3d	20	7	..	....	..	..	18	21	39	1 35	1	75
Friars Point	D. H. Cox, Friars P'nt	E. B. Quin, Friars P'nt	2 & 4	....	..	..	....	..	..	6	16	22	.....	1	35
*Gunnison	.....	S. L. Barnett, Gunnison	.....	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	11	.....	1	16
Jonestown	J. P. White, Clarksdale	H. A. Dale, Jonestown	1st	6	..	..	3	..	1	10	7	17	.....	..	..
*Lula	C. H. Mize, Stovall	G. R. Caldwell, Lula	1st	7	14	1	.....	..	..	...	.	50	5 10	1	20
Lyon	J. E. Barnett, Leland	T. S. Shuford, Lyon	3d	4	3		2	..	..			34	2 00	1	30
McLemore	D. H. Cox, Friars P'nt	J. H. Sparks, M'Lemore	1st	....	.	..	....	.	..	8	6	14	.....	1	25
*Oak Ridge	C. H. Mize, tovall	J. M. Baber, Ferrell	2 & 4	....	3	..	2		1	..	...	15	5 00	1	30
Refuge	C. H. Mize, Stovall	Thos. Walton, Beulah	2d	2	1	..	6	3	1	..	...	32	4 00	...	..
*Shelby	A. B. Hill, Shelby	A. P. Rose, Shelby	1 & 3		..	..	3	4	2	..		38	3 00	1	30
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.....	.....	.....	.....	41	35	2	39	8	8	50	70	467	$31 45	11	336

‡ Church just organized. * Churches have Women Aid Societies.

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